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** CORRECTED **

JUNE UNEMPLOYMENT RATES ANNOUNCED

Adjusted Data

Madison – Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development (DWD) Secretary Roberta Gassman today announced that Wisconsin's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased slightly at 4.6 percent in June 2005 compared to 4.7 percent in May 2005 and 4.9 percent in June 2004. The June 2005 figure marked the thirteenth straight month of below 5.0 percent for Wisconsin's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate. The June seasonally adjusted rate for the nation was 5.0 percent compared to 5.1 percent in May and 5.6 percent in June 2004.

"Wisconsin's labor market continued to show improvement in June. Summer traditionally brings an increase in the number of job seekers, increasing the number of employed individuals as well as increasing the number of unemployed. This year the number of unemployed fell below historic trends, "Secretary Gassman said. "Despite this positive movement, there continue to be areas of the state and certain industries experiencing slower recoveries than the state as a whole."

As is normal for June, there was a sizeable increase in the number of individuals entering the civilian labor force, as many young people looked for jobs during the summer season. Many of the new job seekers appeared to find jobs, as the estimated number of people reported as employed rose by almost 51,000. The number of people reported as unemployed saw a slight increase as well, rising slightly from 138,700 in May to 148,400 in June. The increase in unemployed was very moderate by historic standards, as the normal increase is about 21,000 between May and June in Wisconsin.

Unadjusted Data

The unadjusted unemployment rate for Wisconsin in June was 4.8 percent compared to 4.6 percent in May and 5.2 percent in June 2004. The national unadjusted rate in June was 5.2 percent compared to 4.9 percent in May and 5.8 percent in June 2004.

Nonfarm wage and salary jobs were estimated at 2,874,700 in June compared to 2,844,600 in May, and 2,848,800 in June 2004. Particularly noteworthy increases were reported for construction, wholesale trade, professional and business services, education and health services, and leisure and hospitality. Manufacturing was also up but only slightly. The construction industry, which saw record annual employment in 2004, is up 4,800 jobs from 2004 levels for the first six months of 2005.

June employment and unemployment figures for individual counties will be available July 27, 2005. This release also is available at http://dwd.wisconsin.gov/dwd/newsreleases/.

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WISCONSIN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY In Thousands

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	PRELIM.		YEAR AGO	MONTH	YEAR
ITEM	JUN 05	MAY 05	JUN 04	AGO	AGO
PLACE OF RESIDENCE DATA NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES					
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	3092.9	3032.4	3117.2	60.5	-24.3
UNEMPLOYMENT	148.4	138.7	161.2	9.7	-12.8
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	4.8	4.6	5.2	0.2	-0.4
EMPLOYMENT (1)	2944.5	2893.7	2956.0	50.8	-11.5
PLACE OF WORK DATA					
NONFARM WAGE & SALARY	2874.7	2844.6	2848	30.1	26.7
TOTAL PRIVATE	2458.5	2421	2433.4	37.5	25.1
GOODS PRODUCING	655.6	639.4	646.1	16.2	9.5
NATURAL RESOURCES & MINING	3.9	3.8	4.1	0.1	-0.2
CONSTRUCTION	143.4	134.6	135.4	8.8	8.0
MANUFACTURING	508.3	501	506.6	7.3	1.7
Durable Goods	315.4	312.3	313.9	3.1	1.5
Nondurable Goods	192.9	188.7	192.7	4.2	0.2
SERVICE PRODUCING	2219.1	2205.2	2201.9	13.9	17.2
TRADE	437.4	431.1	435.2	6.3	2.2
Wholesale Trade	119.2	116.1	115	3.1	4.2
Retail Trade	318.2	315	320.2	3.2	-2.0
TRANS., WAREHOUSE, & UTILITIES	108.6	109.5	108.4	-0.9	0.2
Utilities	11.7	11.5	11.8	0.2	-0.1
Information	50.6	50.8	50	-0.2	0.6
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	159.7	158.1	159.7	1.6	0.0
Finance and Insurance	130.2	129.8	131.2	0.4	-1.0
Real Estate, Rental, & Lease	29.5	28.3	28.5	1.2	1.0
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	258.4	251.3	255.8	7.1	2.6
Prof., Scien., & Tech. Services	88.4	86.9	89	1.5	-0.6
Mgmt. Of Companies and Enterprises	39.5	38.8	40.1	0.7	-0.6
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Services	130.5	125.6	126.7	4.9	3.8
EDUCATIONAL & HEALTH SERVICES	379.6	384.2	375.5	-4.6	4.1
Educational Services	46.2	52.4	47.1	-6.2	-0.9
Health Care & Social Assistance	333.4	331.8	328.4	1.6	5.0
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	271.4	261.1	265.8	10.3	5.6
Arts, Entertain., & Recreation	41.6	37.3	40.8	4.3	0.8
Accommodation & Food Services	229.8	223.8	225	6.0	4.8
OTHER SERVICES, except Public Admin	137.2	135.5	136.9	1.7	0.3
GOVERNMENT	416.2	423.6	414.6	-7.4	1.6
Federal Government	29.3	29.1	29.7	0.2	-0.4
State Government	97.5	104.7	94.9	-7.2	2.6
Local Government	289.4	289.8	290	-0.4	-0.6
PERSONS INVOLVED IN L-M DISPUTES	267.0	267.0	0.0	0.0	267.0
(1) Includes L-M Disputes	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES				
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	3038.1	3049.7	3069.5	-11.6	-31.4
UNEMPLOYMENT	139.4	144.6	150.3	-5.2	-10.9
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	4.6	4.7	4.9	-0.1	-0.3
EMPLOYMENT	2898.8	2905.0	2919.2	-6.2	-20.4

*Differences in totals may occur as a result of rounding.

Source: Local Area Unemployment Statistics and Current Employment Statistics programs, Labor Market Information Section, Bureau of Workforce Information